

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 512

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income amounts paid on behalf of Federal employees under Federal student loan repayment programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 2003

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Generating Oppor-
5 tunity by Forgiving Educational Debt for Service Act of
6 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FOR STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS BY**
 2 **THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

3 (a) EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME.—Section
 4 108(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
 5 student loans) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 6 lowing:

7 “(4) STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS BY FED-
 8 ERAL GOVERNMENT.—In the case of an individual,
 9 gross income does not include any payments made
 10 by the Federal Government on behalf of such indi-
 11 vidual under—

12 “(A) section 5379 of title 5, United States
 13 Code; or

14 “(B) any other similar Federal program
 15 for its employees.”.

16 (b) EXCLUSION FROM WAGES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3121(a) of such
 18 Code (defining wages) is amended—

19 (A) in paragraph (20), by striking “or” at
 20 the end;

21 (B) in paragraph (21), by striking the pe-
 22 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(22) any payment excluded from gross income
 25 under section 108(f)(4) (relating to student loan re-
 26 payments by the Federal Government).”.

1 (2) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 209(a) of
2 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 409(a)) is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(19) Any payment excluded from gross income
5 under section 108(f)(4) of the Internal Revenue
6 Code of 1986 (relating to student loan repayments
7 by Federal Government).”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply to payments made in taxable years
10 beginning after December 31, 2002.

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